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Rain or Snow
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MRS. VISCONTI GIVES NAMES IN LEAK PROBE

Refuses to Divulge for Public
Who Was Her In-
formant.

LAWSON SEATED NEARBY

Price Breaks Down When
Questioned on Intimate De-
tails of Life.

Spectators in the greatly over-
crowded room in which the leak in-
vestigating committee held its ses-
sion today beheld two dramatic spec-
tacles.

The first was that of a pale, frail,
badly frightened little woman, Mrs.
Ruth Thomson Visconti, defying the
committee and standing on her con-
stitutional rights not to divulge the
name of her informant.

The second was that of a big,
strong, virile, gray haired, portly
man, weeping like a child on the wit-
ness stand because of the stinging
inquisition into his intimate family
affairs. This was William W. Price,
a correspondent at the White
House on whom Attorney Sherman
L. Whipple says he has fixed at least
partial responsibility for the alleged
leak on the President's peace note.

Crowd Chiefly Women.
The interest and curiosity of the
large crowd, made up chiefly of
women, centered on Mrs. Visconti,
who was unexpectedly called on today
as the first witness.

She was closely scrutinized by the
spectators from the time she entered
the hearing room until the session ad-
journed.

Every one in the room who wit-
nessed her brave struggle against
collapsing from the nervousness and
excitement admitted that she had won
her battle by a very slight margin.

Allowed to Write Names.

Mrs. Visconti was sustained in her
protest during an executive session
of the committee. She was called
upon, however, to write upon a piece
of paper the names of the persons
who, she said, were the informants
in the case of the names mentioned
verbally in public.

She wrote the names promptly, giv-
ing a scornful look to a newspaper
correspondent who glanced in her di-
rection while she was writing.

The names she wrote, she says, are
those of persons who told her that
Secretary Tumulty and others were
involved in the leak.

Price a Frank Witness.

Price, who admitted in his previous
testimony that he had sent messages
predicting the President's peace note
to two stock brokers in Chicago,
shouted out as a frank, outspoken
witness, and responded to questions
in a strong, clear voice. When ques-
tioned about his home life, conversa-
tion in his family, and what the
neighbors said, the big stout man
broke down and wept pitifully.

Although he told the committee
heartily that he did not think his
family ought to be brought into the
investigation he added that if the
Congressmen thought it would serve
any useful purpose he would give the
names of his wife and children, what
they said, what they did, and what
they thought, before and after the
peace note was sent.

Gives Probers Bank Book.

Price denied talking with Secretary
Tumulty or any other official before
he sent his messages to the stock
brokers, and emphatically denied that
he had ever violated a confidence. He
furnished the committee with his
bank book, gave the investigators a
blank and promptly explained the ap-
pearance of a deposit of \$10,000.

The witness explained that this
deposit represented the proceeds of a
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ISLANDERS WANT DOCTOR

Pelee, in Lake Erie, Plans to Hire
Physician to Live on Island.

SANDESKY, Ohio, Feb. 8.—The 700
residents of Pelee Island, thirty miles
south of the mainland at Point Pelee in
Canadian Lake Erie, have petitioned the
Dominion government for permission to
create by special taxation a bonus for a
physician who will agree to live in their
midst from year to year.

Dr. Roy A. Knapp is the only physi-
cian on the island. The islanders, how-
ever, are so hostile that they rarely
have occasion to call Dr. Knapp, who is
threatening to leave. The islanders real-
ize that when a physician is needed he
is needed sorely.

SLOT GAS METER SAVES LIFE

Touraine Didn't Have a Quaretr and
Couldn't Borrow One.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A neighbor
smelled gas and opened the door of Al-
bert Touraine's room in Paterson. Tour-
aine was reclining on the bed, his arms
carefully crossed and his toes pointing
upward. One eye opened languidly as
the neighbor approached.

"Got a quarter?" inquired Touraine.
"What for?"

"Put it in the meter. Gas has stopped
and I'm still alive."

The neighbor didn't have a quarter;
but he produced a nickel and telephoned
the police. They took Touraine to the
General Hospital, where he said his wife
and child had left him.

Atlantic Coast Line
The Standard Railroad of the South. A
train daily, 10:04 New York ave. N. W. 4
Adv.

BATTERY B WILL REACH HERE TODAY

Artillerymen Home From Bor-
der to Be Held at
Fort Myer.

Battery B, District Militia, which
went to the Mexican border on Au-
gust 7, will return today.
The battery, consisting of 112 en-
listed men and six officers, will ar-
rive at Rosslyn, Va., at 2 o'clock this
afternoon, and immediately after dis-
embarking will march to Fort Myer.
Col. Charles Fenton, commanding
at Fort Myer, has arranged for the
militiamen to occupy barracks at the
Virginia military post vacated by the
Third Field Artillery, U. S. A., which
is now on the border.

Neither Colonel Fenton nor Gen.
William B. Harvey, commanding the
district national guard, could say to-
day how long the militiamen will be
held in barracks at Fort Myer. It is
believed, the militiamen will be kept
in the Federal service, however, until
the German crisis has passed or war
is declared, in which event the bat-
tery will be held indefinitely. Be-
cause of existing conditions it is im-
possible for even officials at the War
Department to say when the battery
will be mustered out.

General Harvey and Major J. C.
Caster, adjutant general of the Dis-
trict militia, will meet the returning
soldiers commanded by Capt. George
Wilson.

CLERK TAKES BRIDE ON HIS DEATHBED

Treasury Department Employee
Succumbs to Illness Just Be-
fore Nuptial Date.

Friends who were to have attended
the wedding of John B. Bullard at the
Church of the Epiphany today, viewed
his body as it lay prepared for re-
moval to New York for burial. Miss
Claire H. Mallon, now Mrs. Bullard,
following a deathbed ceremony Mon-
day night, sat in mourning in her
apartment at the Burlington on what
was to have been her wedding day.

Mr. Bullard, who was a clerk in the
Treasury Department, was taken sud-
denly ill with pneumonia last Thurs-
day. His bride-to-be sat by his bed-
side and watched his condition fall
as the day of their wedding drew
near. In order that she might re-
main by his side and nurse him day
and night, it was decided to advance
the date of the nuptials.

Ceremony at Death Bed.

A license was secured and the Rev.
Dr. Randolph H. McKim, pastor of
Epiphany Church, was called in and
performed the death bed ceremony
late Monday night. Mr. Bullard's
condition seemed to improve yester-
day, and up to last night it was
thought he would recover. A sudden
lesion of the heart developed, follow-
ed by a collapse and death.

The body will be sent to Tarrytown,
N. Y., Saturday, where Mr. Bullard
has relatives, for burial in
Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. Complete
funeral arrangements have not yet
been made, but it is expected church
services will be held at Epiphany
Church, here.

Epiphany Church Members.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bullard were
members of that congregation, and
Dr. McKim, the pastor who performed
the ceremony, also baptized Mr. Bul-
lard when he joined the church.

Mr. Bullard has been a treasurer
of Sunday school at the church sev-
eral years. He came to this city four-
teen years ago from Tarrytown, and
has since been employed in the cor-
poration tax division of the Treasury
Department.

Mrs. Bullard will ac-
company her husband's remains to
Tarrytown.

U. S. STEAMER FIRED UPON

Signals Misunderstood by Brazilian
Battleship.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 8.—The
American steamer Evelyn was fired
upon by the Brazilian battleship
Mimosa Geras on account of a misun-
derstanding as to signals, it became
known here today. The Evelyn was
not damaged, but returned to harbor
to clear up the misunderstanding.

The incident shows Brazil's strict
watch for any violation of neutrality,
and is evidence of the wholehearted
support of the Government's position
against Germany on account of the
German submarine doings.

It was stated on highest authority
today that Brazil's note to Germany
declares the Teutonic submarine
blockade plan is illegal, and asserts
that Germany will be held responsible
for any Brazilian losses.

ASK MORE CAPITOL GUARDS

Senate Committee Favors 100 In-
crease in Force.

Because of fear lest cracks or fa-
tigue get into the Capitol and do
much damage, the plan to put on a
large additional force of plain clothes
men, amounting to 100, is still under
serious consideration.

The Rules Committee of the Senate
is favorable to the plan, which was
urged by Colonel Higgins, sergeant
at arms.

Opposition, however, proceeds from
the House side. The House Rules
Committee is not disposed to do it.
However, this week two chanks have
been found at the Capitol, and Colonel
Higgins feels it is no time to take
chances.

TRANSFERS GERMAN AFFAIRS.

Ambassador Page notified the State
Department today he had turned over
German interests in England to
Switzerland.

DRY BILL VOTE IS DELAYED BY BURKE MOTION

Action on Measure Cannot Be
Taken Until After—
February 21.

HEARINGS START TOMORROW

District Committee Votes 13 to
5 for Procedure Ap-
proved Today.

The House District Committee took
action today which will postpone any
vote on the District prohibition bill until
after February 21. The committee voted
to continue hearings until that date and
then to proceed with consideration of
the bill and amendments.

Congressman Lloyd's motion, offered
in committee yesterday, to close hear-
ings February 16 was defeated by adop-
tion of the Burke substitute naming
February 21 as the day to wind up
hearings.

No Hearing Today.

The executive session of the com-
mittee was so lengthy today that no
hearings were held. The corridors
were thronged with disappointed pro-
hibitionists and anti. The committee
adjourned to attend the session of the
House, in accordance with a previous
ruling. Hearings will go on tomor-
row and daily, it is expected, until
the 21st.

Less than two weeks of the session
will remain when the District Com-
mittee gets down to actual considera-
tion of the prohibition bill and amend-
ments. The outlook was not particu-
larly pleasing to the prohibition
element today.

Vote on Burke Motion.

The Burke substitute was adopted
by a vote of thirteen to five, one be-
ing "present." It reads:

"Resolved, that the committee on
the District of Columbia shall pro-
ceed with the hearings on the Senate
bill 1082, until Wednesday, the
21st of February, when the com-
mittee shall take up said bill and amend-
ments for final consideration and ac-
tion."

Congressman Burke originally pro-
posed February 20, but on motion of
Congressman Wheeler this was made
February 21.

How They Voted.

Crosser, Hamill, Lohbeck, Croker,
Dooling, Bailey, Wilson, Cary, Focht,
Wheeler, Darrow, Gould, and Oakry.
Those in opposition were:
Ragsdale, Vinson, Hilliard, Mapes
and Johnson (chairman).

Congressman Lloyd, paired with
Mr. Tinkham, voted present after in-
formally recording himself as op-
posed to the substitute for his motion.

A motion to reconsider the vote and
lay that motion on the table was de-
feated by a vote of 10 to 3. This may
or may not have a bearing on the
future course of the committee. If
the vote motion to consider and lay on
the table had carried it would have
been impossible to revive the matter
again.

No Change Probable.

Defeat of this motion makes it pos-
sible for some member to bring up
the question of the length of hear-
ings, until the House on February 16
sent the apparently overwhelming sen-
timent in committee for hearings that
shall extend until February 21 makes
it unlikely there will be any change in
the program.

The usual number of representa-
tives of the Anti-Saloon League, other
temperance organizations and the
District of Columbia Referendum As-
sociation were on hand today, but did
not get a chance to testify owing to
the protracted executive session of
the committee.

Regarded As Wet Victory.

The Lloyd motion, which was de-
feated by the substitute, proposed
that the prohibition bill should be re-
ported to the House on February 16
"without recommendation." This
would have put the bill in position
to be called up under a special rule.
The Lloyd motion was regarded as
the prohibitionist plan; the postpone-
ment of the closing of the hearings,
on the other hand, is regarded as
more to the advantage of the "wets";
the growing word to bring the prob-
hibition bill before the House.

FRENCH LINER HERE SAFE

The Espagne Docks With 167 Pas-
sengers Today.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The Espagne,
of the French line, docked at 9:30
a. m. today from Bordeaux.
The Espagne carried 167 passen-
gers, including several Americans.
She left Bordeaux January 28, and
was out of the submarine zone be-
fore the new program was put into
effect.

Elliott Cowden, an American aviator
who with the French forces, returned
for a visit at his home in Tuxedo,
N. Y., was among her passengers.

SUFFRAGISTS LOSE FIGHT.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 8.—By a vote
of 16 to 7 the senate defeated a bill
giving women the right to vote in
Presidential, State, county, and town
elections. The measure had been fa-
vorably reported by a committee.

FRENCH FIGHTING SLACKENS.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Patrol encounters
were the only fighting activity on the
western front reported today in the
official statement. French forces cap-
tured a German patrol near Ronzee, in
the region of Verdun.

ALL AMERICANS HELD IN GERMANY PENDING WORD FROM BERNSTORFF; THREE BABIES LOST ON CALIFORNIA

Six Women and Five Children
Among U-Boat's
Victims.

THREE BABIES DROWNED

California Torpedoed Without
Warning, Says Report to
Anchor Line.

LEE'S CITIZENSHIP IN DOUBT

Seaman Unable to Prove He
Was American When Seek-
ing Passports.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Six women
and five children are among the forty-
one missing passengers of the Anchor
liner California, sunk yesterday, ac-
cording to a cable from Glasgow re-
ceived at the local offices of the line
today.

The British consulate here received
word today that three babies were
lost when the Anchor liner California
was sunk by a submarine without
warning yesterday.

Had No Warning.

"Steamer torpedoed without warn-
ing," said the cablegram received by
the Anchor line. "Missing—Second-
class: Mrs. M. Smith, Edna Smith,
Mrs. Kidd, Mr. Alderson (wife saved),
Master Alderson, Mrs. O'Donnell and
two children, Niel Gillies and Miss
Roberts. Third-class: Mrs. M. Little
and child (three children saved), and
Miss A. Forbes."

The passenger list issued previously
by the company showed, lists Mrs. A.
Smith and Mrs. J. Kidd from Calgary,
Alberta; J. W. Alderson, Vancouver,
British Columbia; Mrs. Mary C. O'Don-
nell, Philadelphia; Nell Gillies, Glas-
gow; Mrs. Margaret Little was regis-
tered from 625 East Twenty-fifth
street, New York, and Miss Annie For-
bes from Toronto.

Citizenship in Question.

James Riley, of the Anchor line,
said today that there is some question
regarding the American citizenship of
John Lee, seaman aboard the California,
who is said to be an American.
When Lee applied for passports there
was some question about proof of his
citizenship. Riley said, and he was
unable definitely to prove citizenship.
He found two Americans who signed
affidavits that they knew him, and
he was signed with the crew.

Forty-One Still Missing

State Department Advised Liner
California Carried Gun.

A second message from Consul
Frost at Queenstown to the State
Department last night, and made
public today, said that there were
162 survivors of the California, and
forty-one missing.

The survivors were due at Queens-
town at 8 p. m.
The message said: "California ap-
parently torpedoed about 10 a. m."
The State Department was advised
that the California mounted one
three-inch gun, but held that the
question of armament does not miti-
gate Germany's offense.

Spain, the department said, may
make inquiries about how Americans
fared on the California, though the
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AMERICANS REGISTERED IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The following Americans have signed the reg-
istry book in the Berlin office of the United Press indicating their de-
cision to leave or remain in Germany:

Jacques Mayer and family, New
York, remaining.
Margaret Glenn, Governor's Island,
New York, remaining.
Dr. Elliott Lyons, of New York,
going to Copenhagen.
Arthur Bates and family, of New
York, going to Copenhagen.
W. H. Owen, of New York, going
to Copenhagen.
Frederick Higgins, of New York,
going to Holland.
O. W. Fox, of Brooklyn, N. Y., re-
maining.
Frank Hall, of Saratoga, N. Y., go-
ing to Switzerland.
Fred W. Rente, of Detroit, going
to Denmark.
A. C. Shearer, of Springfield, Ohio,
going to Copenhagen.
A. W. Henning, of Chicago, go-
ing to Copenhagen.
Andrew Forewell, of Titusville,
Pa., going to Copenhagen.
Oscar M. Plug, of Florida, going
to Switzerland.
A. Blomquist and wife, of Hamil-
ton, Ontario, remaining.
Mabel Jacobs, of Minneapolis, re-
maining at Leipzig.
J. C. Osborne and wife, of Brook-
lyn, remaining.
Agnes Schneider, of Brooklyn, re-
maining.
Oscar King Davis (newspaper cor-
respondent) and family, of
Washington, N. Y., going to
Switzerland.
James O'Donnell Bennett (corre-
spondent of the Chicago Trib-
une) and wife, remaining.

Kaiser Detains Ambassador

Gerard Until Bernstorff Gets
Safe Conduct.

CROWDS THROG EMBASSY

Hundreds of Americans Lack
Funds With Which to Re-
turn Home.

PLAN TO EXTEND RELIEF

Berlin Demands Nine Months
for Germans in U. S. to
End Business.

Safe conduct home has been
granted German Ambassador von
Bernstorff by the French govern-
ment, it was announced here to-
day. The British government has
not been heard from as yet.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The German gov-
ernment will not permit American
Ambassador Gerard, officials of the
American embassy, American news-
paper correspondents, or American
citizens to leave Germany until it re-
ceives information that a safe con-
duct has been granted German Am-
bassador von Bernstorff and his staff.

Passports to Americans are also
contingent upon Berlin ascertaining
Washington's attitude toward the old
Prussian treaty permitting citizens of
Germany and of the United States
nine months after a cessation of di-
plomatic relations between the two
nations in which to adjust their busi-
ness.

Writers to Return.

Most of the American newspaper
correspondents here desire to leave
with Ambassador Gerard. But a list
of these correspondents, submitted to
the foreign office, has not yet been
approved, despite the fact that other
correspondents have been officially
granted permission to remain.

Ambassador Gerard announced to-
day that he would not leave unless
the American correspondents and
other American citizens could leave
also.

Many Need Relief.

The American embassy and Ameri-
can consulates throughout Germany
are flooded with American citizens
seeking information and advice. Great
numbers find themselves with insuf-
ficient funds with which to pay pas-
sage home, or to neutral nations out-
side of Germany, and this has added
to the burdens of Gerard and his
staff. Every effort is made to ex-
tend financial relief to these strand-
ed Americans, under the special ap-
propriation available for just such a
contingency.

GERARD NOTIFIED EGAN

Minister to Denmark Receives Word
Americans Are Held.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A special ca-
ble to the New York Times from Co-
penhagen says:

"I am authorized by the American
legation to say that Minister Egan to-
day received several sensational dis-
patches from Ambassador Gerard.
"The latter telegraphs that the Ger-
man authorities will not permit Am-
ericans to leave Germany at present. He
says that he, his staff and all Ameri-
can consular officials will be detained
until the fate of Count von Bernstorff
and German crews from captured Ger-
man ships in America has been de-
cided."

"The German authorities are deny-
ing Mr. Gerard the right to telegraph
in code. All correspondence with the
Copenhagen legation is now in plain
English."

"Ambassador Gerard advised Min-
ister Egan that the sailors captured
on the Yarrowdale will be detained
on the same grounds as the other
Americans."

GERARD AND OTHERS HELD

State Department Officially In-
formed of Detention.

Official confirmation has been re-
ceived at the State Department of re-
ports to the effect that United States
Ambassador Gerard and all American
consular officers and American sailors
captured on the Yarrowdale, are be-
ing held in Germany pending safe de-
parture from the United States of
Count von Bernstorff and members
of the German embassy staff.

It is stated at the department that
the German action was based partly
on sensational reports reaching Ber-
lin to the effect that the American
Government had forcibly seized all
German internees ships in this country.

Will Notify Berlin.

Officials here declare that the State
Department will at once forward to
Berlin the information given out here
yesterday that the German merchant
vessels have not been seized, but have
been placed under guard for their own
protection; and that all arrangements
have been made for departure of
Count von Bernstorff and his staff.

The staff of the German embassy

has about completed all arrangements

TIMES EXTRAS

The Times will not
issue extras on wild
rumors or fragmentary
reports.

When important
news develops at other
than regular edition
hours The Times will
serve its readers sanely
and promptly.

If you hear news-
boys calling "Times
Extra" you will know
that there is important
news, else no Times
Extra would have been
issued.

DANISH STEAMER IS SUNK; 17 LIVES LOST

Captain of Belgian Relief Ship
Enters Barred Zone Ignorant
of New Warfare.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 8.—Seventeen
Danish sailors were killed when the
Danish steamer Lora Kruse was tor-
pedoed and sunk by a German sub-
marine, February 6.

Word received here today declared
that the captain entered the "barred
zone" established by Germany ignor-
ant of the new warfare decreed by
Berlin.

The Lora Kruse was a Belgian re-
lief ship, carrying grain from South
American ports to Holland, for dis-
tribution in Belgium.

BRITISH SHIP VICTIM

Torino Makes Fifty-ninth to Go
Down in Week.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The British
steamer Torino has been sunk by a
submarine, it was announced today.
Sinking of the Torino brings the
total number of vessels reported since
February 1 as victims of German sub-
marines to sixty-one. The total of
tonnage represented in these mer-
chantmen is 118,191.

The Torino was a steel screw
steamer of 1,850 tons, registered at
Liverpool and owned by the Atlantic
and Eastern Steamship Company.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The British
steamer Hollinside has been sunk.
Her captain was safely landed. The
crew took to the boats.

The Hollinside was a steel screw
steamer of 2,082 tons, registered at
Newcastle, owned by the Charlton
Steamship Company.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Two lives were
lost in the sinking of the British
steamer Dauntless, reported today.
Six of her crew were brought ashore
and taken to the hospital, where two
subsequently died.

Lloyd's registry lists five British
steamers named Dauntless, four of
them under 150 tons. The fifth is the
Dauntless of Newcastle, a 2,157-ton
screw ship, owned by the Bolivian
General Enterprise, Ltd.

FOUND HIDING ON PIER

German Fireman Discovered at Dock
Of American Line.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A German
fireman, Joe Letlar, who formerly was
employed on the German liner Phila-
delphia, now lying in dock in Hobo-
ken, was found hiding behind a pile
of tobacco boxes on the American line
pier early today.

He had